

May 7, 1999

Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Room 14-71 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney

As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed.

Adding antibiotics to feed in order to promote growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. This in turn can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacterial infections in humans. This is already happening and the medical community is seriously concerned about the number of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that have mutated in the last decade. At this point in time, a number of people have died because their infections have become resistant to every antibiotic currently available to fight bacterial infections.

I support the petition filed with the Food and Drug Administration by CSPI.

Cordially,

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